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SUBJECT: UPDATE ON KENYAN TANZANIAN DISPUTE

REF: A) DAR ES SALAAM 4213

B) NAIROBI 10624 (NOTAL)

1. FOR FIRST-HAND REPORT FROM CHIEF KENYAN PROTAGONIST,
EMBOFF CALLED DEC. 31 OMEJ.H. GITAU, GENERAL MANAGER,

KENATCO TRANSPORT CO. LTD., 90 PERCENT OWNED BY GOK,
REMAINDER OWNED BY COOPERATIVES, GITAU DOES NOT RPT
DOES NOT SEE CURRENT FRACAS OVER SURFACE TRANSPORT AS
END OF EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY BUT HE IS CONCERNED OVER
SCARCITY OF OPTIONS NOW LEFT OPEN TO GOK FOR SOLVING
HIS PARTICULAR PROBLEMS. HE FEARS GOK IS ANNOYED OVER
TANZANIAN QUOTE PETTY DEALING UNQUOTE AND IS UNWILLING
BACK DOWN ON ITS RECENTLY TAKEN RETALIATORY MEASURES
(CLOSURE OF ALL BORDER POINTS EXCEPT NAMANGA TO COMMERCIAL
TRAFFIC). GITAU INTENDS TRAVEL TO MOMBASA JAN 2 TO QUOTE SEE PEOPLE
UNQUOTE (PRESUMABLY KENYATTA) AND WILL TRY TO
DETERMINE WHAT MZEE WILL DO NEXT. HE SAID HE HOPED
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MZEE WOULD BE WILLING FORGET ENTIRE EPISODE AND WORK

QUICKLY TOWARD RESTORING AMICABLE RELATIONS.

2. IN MEANTIME KENYAN PRESS CONTINUES TO MOUNT FRONT PAGE COVERAGE FOCUSING PRIMARILY ON ALLEGED EXPULSION OF KENYANS FROM TANZANIA. LIST OF 812 KENYANS (INCLUDING DEPENDENTS) FORMERLY RESIDING IN TANZANIA PUBLISHED DEC 28 TO REFUTE REPORTED TANZANIAN CLAIM THAT ONLY SMALL NUMBER AFFECTED. KANU OFFICIALS AND LABOR LEADERS PUBLICLY CALLING ON OK TO TAKE STRONG RETALIATORY ACTION AGAINST TANZANIANS IN KENYA. EDITORIALS IN BOTH NATIONAL NEWSPAPERS HAMMERING AWAY ON WEAKNESS AND INEFFECTICACY OF EAC WITH SOME COMMENTATORS CALLING FOR DISSOLUTION.

3. ALTHOUGH PRESS, QUOTING MOFA OFFICIAL, REPORTED ON DEC 28 THAT FONMIN WAIYAKI WOULD ISSUE STATEMENT ON DISPUTE PRIOR TO DEC 30 NO STATEMENT HAS YET APPEARED. MARSHALL

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